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## INPUT SOUGHT FOR ELSIE MCCARTHY SENSORY GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Glendale Parks, Recreation and Library Services is seeking ideas from citizens on what improvements they would like to see at the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden located at 7637 N. 55th Ave., south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue.

The city of Glendale Commission on Persons with Disabilities is conducting this community outreach for input on the garden as part of their yearly goals.

There are three ways the public can provide their input:

- Attend an onsite outreach event between 2 and 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden
- Visit the website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/elsiemccarthysensorygarden.cfm> to view the park features, map and video. To provide input, click on the link on the site.
- Fill out the input form and mail in or scan it to Glendale Parks and Recreation, 5970 W. Brown St., Glendale AZ 85302 or email to [access@Glendaleaz.com](mailto:access@Glendaleaz.com). Forms can be picked up at any of the Glendale libraries right inside the entrance, the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., or the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and dramatic evening lighting, this garden is one of Glendale's most memorable locations. Elsie McCarthy was a long-time Valley resident and an avid gardener and continued to garden even after she lost her eyesight. Through a bequest in Elsie McCarthy's will, she donated money for the development and maintenance of a scented and tactile garden for the visually impaired. Her only requirement was that the garden be dedicated to her father, Robert Henry Bourdon.

For more information on the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden, visit

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